

PERSUASIVE SCENARIO EVALUATION

Directions

You have just been named the chairman of a committee that decides how to allocate water resources. Read each letter and decide how you will divide up the available water amongst the three individuals listed here. Write a short persuasive response letter below explaining why you made this decision. When you are done, share your letter with an adult and ask them how they would allocate (divide up) the water.

Dear Chairman,
I am the manager of the city pools downtown. Each summer hundreds of children spend their vacation swimming in the cool water of our pools. Our area provides a great place for families to spend quality time, and for everyone to beat the heat. The city pools also generate a lot of money for our city, which is used to help improve our schools and community. The pools need water, so please choose the city pools to receive the water!

Sincerely,
Mr. Sam Swimmer

Dear Chairman,
I own a huge nursery on the south side of town. We have 7 greenhouses that allow us to grow beautiful flowers even in the middle of winter. Our flowers are sold in pots for landscaping yards, parks, and office buildings. We also sell cut flowers, which go to flower shops and are sold in gorgeous arrangements. We have water-saving misters and drip-irrigation which allow us to save water. We know how important water is, and hope you will choose our greenhouses to receive the water!

Sincerely,
Ms. Daisy Palm

Dear Chairman,
I am a cattle rancher on the north side of town. My family has raised Hereford beef cattle, which are red with a white face, for over 100 years. The cattle graze on fresh grass and get exercise in big pastures. We take pride in making sure our animals are healthy and happy. But we can't do this without water. Water makes our grass and hay grow, which is fed to the cattle. We also have corn for our cattle, which needs water to grow. Please choose our ranch to receive the water!

Sincerely,
Mr. Angus Bull

From the desk of the Committee Chairman